

Minutes of the TU Doc Fritchey Board Meeting – June 23, 2015

Giant Food Community Center – Harrisburg, PA

Officers/Directors Present:

Ed O’Gorman, Francis O’Gorman, Bob Pennell, Steve Long, Dennis Coffman, Jim Goldsmith.

Board Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of the May 26, 2015 board meeting as posted on www.dftu.org were approved on a motion by Long/seconded by Goldsmith.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report dated June 22, 2015 was approved to receive and file on a motion by Long/seconded by Coffman. F. O’Gorman reported that the accounting firm used to file our taxes has committed to “make things right” for our chapter in resolving an IRS tax filing issue. On a motion by Long/seconded by Coffman, approval was given to spend \$3,220.60 in chapter funds for the stream improvement project just completed on lower Clarks Creek.

Membership Committee Report:

No report.

Report from State Council:

Pennell talked about the schedule for National TU’s upcoming annual meeting in Scranton, and requested chapter members to attend at least some portion of the activities planned for September 16-20.

Stream Steward Reports:

Quittapahilla Creek – Stream bank planting along the first phase stretch of the stream restoration project in Quittie Nature Park was completed on May 28 by Quittie Watershed Association volunteers. The second phase project is awaiting paperwork approvals from DEP and is scheduled to begin later this year.

Clarks Creek – The stream improvement project which was completed on June 16-18 along a 500 foot reach in the children’s and disabled access area involved building 8 rock and rock/log structures to provide improved access and streamflow. Our chapter partnered with the PA Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC) and the Dauphin County Anglers & Conservationists (DCAC) to complete this work.

Manada Creek – No report

Stony Creek – The in-stream monitoring equipment was installed on Tony Rose’s property on June 19. Larry Herr donated rust-resistant re-bar for the project. Dauphin County Conservation District (DCCD) will monitor for 5 parameters and display results on their website.

Spring Creek (Harrisburg) – Pennell reported that PFBC’s electroshocking survey of 4 locations totaling approx. 500 meters on June 17 turned up approx. 100 wild brown trout; about 2/3 were young-of-the-year, with the remainder representing three older year-classes. The overall biomass is believed to be consistent with the numbers turned up in PFBC’s last survey in 2005.

Diversion Wells Report:

Coffman reported that the square well is still not functioning properly, and further investigation is required to determine what needs to be done to improve functionality.

Education Committee Report:

No report.

Trout in the Classroom (TIC) Report:

No report.

Banquet & Fundraising Committee Report:

E. O’Gorman confirmed the booking of April 9 at the Grantville Holiday Inn for our 2016 Annual Banquet.

Social Committee Report:

A picnic meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 28 at the diversion wells. The normal Monday evening maintenance will be shifted to Tuesday to accommodate the chapter meeting.

Old Business:

Background Check Requirements for Working with Youth – E. O’Gorman reported receiving a procedural document from Cumberland Valley TU that might be used with minor modifications for DFTU youth activities. On a motion by Long/seconded by F. O’Gorman, approval was granted to reimburse chapter members for costs of background checks. Pennell agreed to keep a list of all those obtaining background checks with the goal of submitting bulk checks in one group by September 30.

Home Waters – Our 7th annual event was held on June 13, with 23 chapter volunteers turning out to host and guide 21 disabled vets from the Harrisburg Veterans Center.

New Business:

Officer Nominations – E. O’Gorman reminded members that we are seeking officer nominations in preparation for our chapter elections in September.

Press Releases – New chapter member Mike Nerozzi who works for the PA Legislature volunteered to assist in preparing press releases when required.

On a motion by Long/seconded by Coffman, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Pennell – Chapter Secretary